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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING HIGH-CARBON  
STEEL RAILS EXCELLENT IN WEAR  
RESISTANCE AND DUCTILITY

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated January 6, 2009 finally rejecting claims 1, 2 and 13-20, the period for replying having been extended two (2) months to June 6, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: An Amended Set of Claims; and

Remarks.